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Operation Noble Eagle

AT press time more than 36,895 Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers were on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. Reserve-component mobilization for Operation Noble Eagle exceeded 14,000 soldiers assisting Immigration and Customs officials at Canadian and Mexican border sites and participating in other security missions.

- June 21. Pentagon officials approve a publisher's request to produce a picture book titled "A Day in the Life of the United States Military," to commemorate activities of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Photographers will visit Army posts Oct. 7. The book is scheduled to go on sale on Armed Forces Day, May 2003
- June 26. Actor Michael Nouri, now staring in the Broadway musical "South Pacific," deliveres a \$181,000 check to Defense Comptroller Dov S. Zakheim, to be used to aid victims of the Pentagon attack.

Operation Enduring Freedom

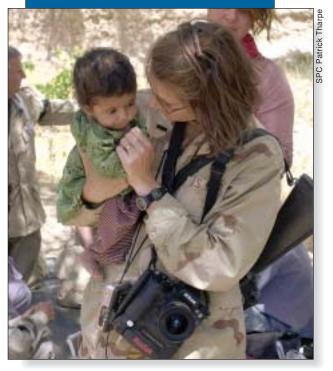
At press time nearly 56,000 active and reserve-component soldiers were deployed in 70 countries.

- June 31. U.S. and coalition troops searching eastern Afghanistan for al Qaeda and Taliban fighters continue finding ammunition caches and Soviet-era weapons in an area honeycombed with natural caves and man-made tunnels.
- July 1. Civil-affairs teams' assistance at local orphanages expands to weekly visits to bring food, medicine and school supplies. In Bagram and Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, CA teams reconstruct schools and set up medical equipment.
- July 8. Investigators wrap up a preliminary probe into the July 1 friendly fire incident in Oruzgan Province. The second stage of the investigation begins within 24 hours and includes a team of U.S. experts and members of an Afghan investigation board.
- July 9. A second battalion of 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers arrives at Kandahar Airfield to replace elements of the 101st Abn. Div.
- Services Committee, Defense Secretary Donald H.
 Rumsfeld and Central Command chief GEN Tommy
 Franks say the war on terrorism will require patience from
 Americans at home and courage from the nation's military
 men and women abroad.
- Aug. 5. Coalition aircraft monitoring the Southern No-Fly Zone strike an air defense command-and-control facility in southern Iraq.

PFC Zachory Arnold from the 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., receives an "Outback Special" at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan, on June 19. Chefs from a New York City Outback Steak House flew to Kandahar to provide a special meal to soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



1LT Tina Kroske from the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment out of Atlanta, Ga., holds an infant in Kophisophi, Afghanistan, during a humanitarian/medical assistance mission in July.



10 Soldiers

SPC Michael Rewsakowski and PFC Brian Worth, both of Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment, answer questions on July 31 while recovering in the hospital from injuries sustained in a July 27 firefight near Khost, Afghanistan.

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A special forces soldier greets admiring children in Maluso. Members of Joint Task Force 510 are in the Philippines to advise and assist in counterterrorism operations.

Soldiers from the 307th Engineer Co. at Fort Bragg, N.C., pull security and prepare to explore certain caves in the area of Keyki, Afghanistan. These caves were suspected of housing munitions and ordnance, as well as Taliban fighters.



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